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IRONWORKS CONSTRUCTS OXYGEN PLANT;  
P'YONGYANG HOSPITAL EXPANDS

NEW PLANT TO SELL SURPLUS OXYGEN -- T'usa Sinmun, 7 Feb 50

The Hwanghae Ironworks has opened a new oxygen plant to provide oxygen for the ironworks. Construction of the new plant was begun in 1949 and completed 28 January 1950. The engineering work was directed by Engineer Cho Yong-sun.

Previously, the Hwanghae Ironworks had obtained oxygen from the P'yongyang Oxygen Factory and Sunch'on Chemical Plant, at a considerable cost for transportation. The new oxygen plant eliminates the transportation cost, enables the Hwanghae Ironworks to be self-sufficient, and permits it to supply other factories 20 percent of the oxygen it manufactures.

P'YONGYANG COMMODITY SALES HIGH -- T'usa Sinmun, 10 Feb 50

The Consumers' Cooperative Stores in P'yongyang have attained 105 percent of their January commodity circulation quotas.

USSR RED CROSS HOSPITAL IN P'YONGYANG EXPANDS -- Nodong Sinmun, 12 Feb 50

The USSR Red Cross Hospital in P'yongyang has moved to the former P'yongyang Medical College Hospital and expanded its facilities recently. This Red Cross Hospital is equipped with modern Soviet medical facilities. It was opened for Korean patients in February 1947. By December 1949, it had treated 235,000 patients and received 4,700 bed/ patients.

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The hospital has ten consultation rooms for surgery; medicine; gynecology; obstetrics; dermatology; nose, ear, and throat; ophthalmology; pediatrics; neurology; and dentistry. There are 19 therapeutic rooms, an X-ray room, a physical therapy room, and various experimental rooms. There are five operating rooms. The hospital is equipped with 200 beds.

EXAMINES DISSERTATIONS ON ANCIENT TAX SYSTEM -- T'usa Sinmun, 5 Feb 50

The National Degree Awarding Committee of the People's Republic will conduct the fourth examination board on thesis for the doctorate degree on 14 February at the assembly hall of the Russo-Korean Cultural Association. The board will examine the dissertations submitted by Pak Si-hyong entitled "The Process of Establishing Taxation System in the Yi Dynasty," and "A Study of Land Taxes in the Yi Dynasty."

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